the cocoa-nuts. The priests remained on the scene for about twenty minutes, during which time the two apparently possessed men were held by others. After they left the crowd was advised to cease experimenting with the fire, and no more passed over. At this stage Dr. Richardson and myself left our seats and attempted to approach to the brink of the fiery gulf,, but the heat was so great that we had to turn back.

It is said that Benares is mentioned more than once by implication in our New Testa-ment. Tradition says that the Maharaja of Benares was one of the three wise men from the East who saw the Star of the Infant Christ and came to worship Him. Certainly there is still an ancient and wonderful observa-tory on the roof of one of the palaces, now abandoned and disused, but with the instru-ments still there of those old-time observers.

Again the cloth of shining tissue, which Herod arrayed himself in is supposed to have been one of the kincobs, which

have been made at Benares from time immemorial, and which may still be seen, and purchased, if you are rich, at Mr. Debi Parshad's in the Purana Chauk. It was at Benares that Buddha first

preached